

Biography Major Chris A. Reithmann Commander, Company H, MCSB



Chris Reithmann enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1996 and graduated the rank of Private from recruit training at Paris Island, SC, and assigned the MOS of 2621, Morse code intercept operator and cryptanalyst. Upon completion of MOS school, Private First Class Reithmann received orders to 2d Radio Battalion, Camp Lejeune, NC, where he served as a Radio Reconnaissance Operator from 1998 to 2001, and deployed twice with the 24th and 22nd Marine Expeditionary Units (MEU).

Sergeant Reithmann reenlisted and received orders to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego, CA where served as a Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor and Chief Drill Instructor while assigned to Delta Company, 1st Recruit Training Bn. He was promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant (meritoriously) prior to being selected for the Marine Enlisted Commissioning and Education Program (MECEP) in 2004.

Staff Sergeant Reithmann reported to the University of Texas, Naval ROTC in 2005, where he was promoted to Gunnery Sergeant, earned his degree in Business Management, and commissioned in December 2008. Second Lieutenant Reithmann completed The Basic Officer Course in Quantico, VA, the Signals Intelligence Officer Course in Damneck, VA, and received orders to 3d Radio Battalion, III MEF Headquarters Group, HI. While assigned to 3d Radio Battalion, 1stLt Reithmann served as assistant officer in charge and officer in charge for Detachment 14, and deployed to the southern Philippines in support of the Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines (JSOTF-P) and Operation ENDURING FREEDOM-Philippines from October 2010 to June 2011 and again in 2012. Upon returning, he reported to Bravo Company where he served as the Executive Officer and Company Commander until receiving orders to Expeditionary Warfare School (EWS), Quantico VA in 2013.

Upon graduating EWS, Captain Reithmann was assigned to Hotel Company, Second Marine Raider Battalion (MRB), Marine Special Operations Command (MARSOC) in Camp Lejeune, NC, where he served as company intelligence officer and deployed in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR) in 2016. Upon return, he assumed duties as 2d MRB intelligence officer from 2016–2017 and participated in exercise Eager Lion in 2017, leading all U.S. intelligence support alongside coalition partners. Shortly upon return, he received orders to Company H, Marine Cryptologic Support Battalion (MCSB), San Antonio, TX where he served as the Company Executive Officer and Deputy Division Chief in support of the National Security Agency from 2017-2019. He was promoted to the rank of Major on 1 November 2018, and assumed Company Command in May 2019.

Major Reithmann's personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Gold Star in lieu of second award, and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Major Reithmann and his wife Tiffany have four daughters, ages 14, 13, 11 and 4.